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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/160,581

Applicants: Ryuichi ISHIKAWA, et al.

RCE Filed: August 19, 2002

For: A METHOD FOR CUTTING AN OPTICAL FIBER

Group Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: CHANG, R

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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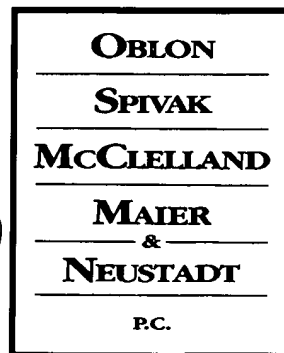


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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 13, 2002, and pursuant to the telephone communication dated January 9, 2003 from the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.


It is respectfully submitted that the above Advisory Action is believed to be erroneously issued, since the outstanding Office Action dated September 6, 2002 was indicated as non-final.

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Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Advisory Action and further examination on the merits of the above-identified application.

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